List of ancient monuments

†2361. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ancient monuments as enlisted in the country;

(b) the number of ancient monuments out of them for which protection arrangement is in place;

(c) the criteria set for protecting them;

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend the law for protection;

(e) the number of ancient monuments of which protection have been granted in the last three years;

(f) whether there is any determining committee in place comprising people related to history, archaeology and public faith; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not undertaken any comprehensive listing of ancient monuments in the country. However, the Government has set up a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities to create a database for all monuments/sites.

(b) 3675 ancient monuments/archaeological sites/remains have been declared as of national importance. These are maintained and conserved by the ASI.

(c) Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 lays down the following criteria for declaration as of national importance:—

(i) historical, archaeological or artistic importance;

(ii) not less than one hundred years old

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Eleven monuments/sites have been declared as of national importance during the last three years.

(f) and (g) ASI has an in-house Committee with expertise in archaeology/history to evaluate protection proposals in accordance with Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Settlement of NPAs by Scheduled Commercial Banks

2362. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Commercial Banks, falling under the regulatory umbrella of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), are required to furnish to the RBI, data relating to the interest waiver, principal amount written off etc., while disposing of the outstanding cases of non-performing assets by offering one time settlement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three financial years?

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